GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Mines & Minerals – Mining Lease held by M/s.Padmavathi & Co., for Limestone, Dolomite, White Shale & Steatite over an extent of 21.85 Acres/8.842 Hectares in Sy.No.47 of Pedaekkalur (V), Peddapappuru (M), Ananthapuramu District – Determined as lapsed under Rule 20 (1) of Mineral Concession Rules, 2016 – Orders-Issued.

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INDUSTRIES & COMMERCE (MINES.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 24 Dated: 09-04-2021.
Read the following:

1.G.O.Ms.No.573, Ind & Com (M.III) Dept, dt.12.05.1977.
2.G.O.Ms.No.391, Ind & Com (M.III) Dept, dt.21.07.2000.
3.From the Director of Mines and Geology, A.P., Vijayawada Single File No.3943495/D11-ATP/2020, dt.24.11.2020.
4.Govt Memo No.INC01-MG0MAJM/34/2020-M-III, dt.22.12.2020.
5.From the Director of Mines and Geology, A.P., Vijayawada Single File No.3943495/D11-ATP/2020, dt.29.12.2020 & 09.03.2021.

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ORDER:

In the G.O. 1st read above, a Mining Lease for Limestone, Dolomite, White Shale & Steatite over an extent of 21.85 Acres/8.842 Hectares in Sy.No.47 of Pedaekkalur (V), Peddapappuru (M), Ananthapuramu District was granted in favour of M/s.Padmavathi & Co., for a period of twenty (20) years. The lease was in force up to 01.11.1997 as per the lease deed executed on 02.11.1977.

2. In the G.O. 2nd read above, 1st Renewal of Mining Lease was granted in favour of M/s.Padmavathi & Co., for a further period of Twenty (20) years which was in force up to 01.11.2017 as per lease deed executed on 25.01.2001.

3. In the proposal 3rd read above, the Director of Mines and Geology, A.P., Vijayawada has recommended to determine the subject Mining lease held by M/s.Padmavathi & Co., under Rule 20 (1) of M.C. Rules, 2016 on the grounds that the lease is in non working condition; not erected the boundary pillars according to the demarcation shown in plan annexure to the lease deed; not conducted the mining operations systematically as per the mining Plan; not maintaining the registers showing the production and dispatches of the minerals produced from the subject mining lease; not submitting the monthly and Annual Returns regularly in form F(8) & Form H-8, as required under Rule 45 of MCDR, 1988; not maintained sufficient security around working pits, and did not maintain sufficient fences; not appointed a qualified mines manager under Section 17 of the Mines Act-1952; not erected weighing machine at mines site as per conditions 13 & 14 of part VII of Form-K; not submitted Mining Scheme for next eve years as required under Rule 12 (2) & (3) of MCDR, 1988 and under Rule 22(5) (v) of M.C.Rules, 1960; not submitted Mine Closure Plan which is

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required under Rule 23 (A) & 23 (B) of MCDR 1988 (both Progressive and Final Mine Closure) and under Rule 22 (5)(v)(a) of M.C. Rules, 1960; not submitted the financial assurance for mine closure which is required under Rule 23 (F) of MCDR, 1988; having M.R. dues of Rs.10,43,395/- as per MRA for the year 2019-2020 and not paid Advance Dead Rent and other taxes of Rs.1,38,670/- for the year 2020-21; not submitted Approved Mining Plan, EC from the MoEF and CFO & CFE from the APPCB concerned; and not operating the mine 11.08.2013.

4. In Government Memo 4th read above, a Show Cause Notice under Rule 20 (1) of M.C. Rules, 2016 was issued to the lessee Company M/s.Padmavathi & Co., for the breaches pointed out in para.3 above for the subject M.L. to submit their explanation through the DM&G within 15 days from the date of receipt of the SCN.

5. The DM&G, in the letter 6th read above, has submitted specific remarks stating that, the mine is not working and abandoned for more than 08 years without intimation to the Department as required under Rule 28(1) of M.C.D.R.2017, and it is mandatory as per Rule 21 (1) of M.C.D.R.2017 that the holder of a mining lease shall not abandon a mine during the subsistence of the lease except with the prior permission in writing of the authorized officer, as the case may be, under Rule 21(2) of M.C.D.R.2017 the holder of a mining lease shall send to the authorized officer, as the case may be, a notice in Form-D of the Schedule of his intention to abandon a mine so as to reach them at least ninety days before the intended date of such abandonment, which shall be accompanied by plans and sections on a scale as specified in Rule 31 setting forth accurately the work done in the mine up to the time of submission of the notice including the measures envisaged for the protection of the abandoned mine or part thereof, the approaches thereto and the environment, and the photos of the area submitted for perusal. Further, the Successor of lessee company Smt.Y.Ankamma, W/o Late Chenna Reddy Prop: M/s.Padmavathi & Company expired on 05.12.2020, since then no one came forwarded to the O/o Assistant Director of Mines & Geology, Tadipatri from their family members till date to execute as Successor of lease M/s.Padmavathi & Company, Prop: Smt.Y.Ankamma, W/o Late Chenna Reddy. The DM&G, has, therefore, requested Government to determine the subject Mining Lease under Rule 12(1)(a)(b)(f)(g) and 20 (1) of M. C. Rules, 2016.

6. Government, after careful examination of the matter, hereby determine the Mining Lease for Limestone, Dolomite, White Shale & Steatite an extent of 21.85 Acres/8.842 Hectares in the Sy.No.47 of Peddaekkalur (V), Peddapappuru (M), Ananthapuramu Dist held by M/s.Padmavathi & Co., as lapsed under Rule 20 (1) of Mineral Concession Rules, 2016.

7. The Director of Mines & Geology, A.P., Vijayawada shall take necessary further action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

GOPAL KRISHNA DWIVEDI
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT(M)
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To
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Prop: Sri Y.Chenna Reddy,
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Guntakal, Ananthapuramu District (through DM&G).
The Director of Mines and Geology, A.P., Vijayawada. (w.e. ele)
Copy to:
The Assistant Director of Mines & Geology, Tadipatri, Ananthapuramu District.
The Collector & District Magistrate, Ananthapuramu.
The Secretary to Govt. of India, Ministry of Mines, Sastry Bhavan, New Delhi - 110 001.
The Controller General, Indian Bureau of Mines, Indira Bhavan, Civil Lines, Nagpur – 440 001.
The Director General, Mines Safety, Dhanbad, Jarkhand.
The Regional Controller of Mines, IBM, Kavadiguda, Secunderabad.
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